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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 2/4¹

EXPLOITATION² OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS³

(Effective 26 June 1959)

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 2, paragraph 9, the following policies and procedures are established.

1. The Central Intelligence Agency shall:
 - a. Provide, as a service of common concern, for the exploitation of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes in accordance with requirements established by the United States Intelligence Board departments and agencies.
 - b. Coordinate this service with similar activities maintained by the various departments and agencies of the government to satisfy their departmental requirements: Provided, that such coordination shall not prejudice the maintenance of facilities necessary to meet their departmental demands.
2. The various departments and agencies of the government shall keep the Central Intelligence Agency advised of departmental activities in the exploitation and translation of foreign language publications.
3. There is hereby established the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications, an interdepartmental committee under the chairmanship of the Central Intelligence Agency. Members of the Intelligence Board are invited to designate representatives to this Committee. Other departments and agencies of the government may be invited by the Committee to participate in discussions of matters in which they have an interest. The Committee shall advise and assist the Central Intelligence Agency in the implementation of this directive.

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¹This Directive supersedes DCID No. 2/4 (New Series), dated 20 May 1958.

²Exploitation of foreign language publications includes the preparation in English of annotated bibliographies, abstracts of articles or publications, extracts or summaries of specific information in publications, selective translation of key portions of publications, compilations and collations of specific information from a variety of publications and the use of special approaches and techniques to derive or synthesize information required and available from foreign language publications.

³Publications are defined for the purpose of this DCID as: "Any multi-copy works, excluding maps, placed on sale or otherwise distributed or offered for distribution."